



STATE OF MINNESOTA

Office of Governor Mark Dayton

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May 13, 2013

The Honorable Paul Thissen
Speaker of the House
Room 463, State Office Building
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Last year, I vetoed legislation related to this subject. I did so, based primarily on the strong objections expressed by the Attorney General. By Minnesota Statute, section 8.32, subdivision 2(c), the Attorney General is charged with the responsibility to "make recommendations to the governor and the legislature for statutory needs that exist in adequately protecting the consumer."

I have the utmost respect for Attorney General Swanson and have considered carefully her continuing opposition to this legislation. I have also considered the analysis that this bill marks a significant improvement in consumer protections over current Minnesota law. Furthermore, it passed both legislative bodies, which I also respect, with overwhelming bi-partisan support 55 to 8 in the Senate and 126 to 7 in the House.

While I agree with the Attorney General that it would be preferable to require direct insurance company review of each policy, members of both bodies, whom I respect highly, are convinced that Minnesotans, especially our senior citizens, will be well-protected by the additional review procedures contained in this bill.

Therefore, I have decided that I do not wish to sign this bill into law, with the understanding that it will become law without my signature. Accordingly, I will deposit, without signature, in the Office of the Secretary of State, Chapter 54, H.F. No. 791.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Mark Dayton".

Mark Dayton
Governor

cc: Senator Sandra L. Pappas, President of the Senate
Senator Thomas M. Bakk, Senate Majority Leader
Senator David W. Hann, Senate Minority Leader
Senator Roger Reinert
Representative Kurt Daudt, House Minority Leader
Representative Melissa Hortman
The Honorable Mark Ritchie, Secretary of State
Ms. JoAnne Zoff, Secretary of the Senate
Mr. Albin A. Mathiowetz, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives
Ms. Michele Timmons, Revisor of Statutes